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Applicant(s): Taggart)
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Title: METHOD AND)
APPARATUS FOR)
ASEPTIC PACKAGING)

Examiner: Tawfik, S.

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of March 16, 2001,
please reconsider the above-referenced patent application as
follows:

Amendment

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 18. Please add new claim 35.

- 1 1. (AMENDED) A method for aseptically bottling aseptically
2 sterilized foodstuffs comprising the steps of:
3 providing a plurality of bottles;
4 aseptically disinfecting the plurality of bottles to a level